

From: Jackie & Janet Bays
To: KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:17 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

When you cast your vote on the 2nd of June, Please listen to the people. Do not change these Broadcast Ownership Rules and further erode our Freedom of Speech process. Please do not alter this important path of free speech which could cause the silencing of some public opinion. Giving license to large corporations to control the airways would allow the presentation of only their agenda to be heard by the people.

Thank you, Jackie and Janet Bays, 4985 Highway H, Halfway, Mo 65663 Phone 417-267-2574

From: Chuck Radke
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:32 AM
Subject: FCC Agenda

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am contacting each of you to voice my concern over your pending action to allow the "mega-media" owners to increase their holdings in many markets, which, in my view, opens the opportunity to limit the diverse views and local news to be available to the public. It appears to me that widely publicized decision by the FCC has already been made, and that decision has been influenced by the powerful lobbyists of the likes of Clear Channel Communications et. al. I would hope that you would do some "sole searching" before this decision is made "official" and think about the what impact this decision would have on ALL Americans, rather than a "corporate few".

Sincerely,

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From: jbi2@njit.edu
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Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:34 AM
Subject: Disgraceful: June 2nd's ruling on local news

Dear FCC Commissioners

I find it disgraceful that the FCC of the United States of America is considering allowing media giants to further consolidate the local news market. Yes, media profits may go up because of this and perhaps this is even stifling profits, but the United States of America is not a country solely about profits. Freedom of information is something that should be beyond profits. It is clear that these media giants clearly have neo-conservative leanings, and so obviously the republicans on this board are voting to allow the propagandizing of such ideology, so its a win/win situation for the republicans and media giants.

We live in the greatest country in the world, and in the greatest country in the world I should hope that the FCC would allow and uphold the right of freedom of information and freedom of multiple ideas within media news. Apparently the republicans on the FCC will not, and that to me is disgraceful... Real Americans, who respect American freedoms, would not vote for this!!!!

With Regards,
Josh

From: Lee S. Tesdell
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:35 AM
Subject: Please delay the June 2nd vote

Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell and commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Michael J. Copps, Kevin J. Martin, and Jonathan S. Adelstein:

Please delay the June 2nd vote so that there will be more time for public input and debate on loosening the rules for media ownership. We would like to preserve a diversity of news and opinions on the radio and TV in our country.

Thank you.

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Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:39 AM
Subject: FCC Ruling

It would be a major mistake to allow the further consolidation of information "under one roof" in this country. Please do not allow the control of media to be controlled by one or two sources. It denies a basic premise of freedom...that everyone has the right of expression, not just those who have the money and power to buy up the means of expression.

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From: Mark P. Bosua
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Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:39 AM
Subject: Urge vote against proposed New " Broadcast Ownership Rules"

Dear FCC Chairman, & Commissioners,

As a private citizen I strongly urge each of you to vote against the proposed "Broadcast Ownership Rules " you will look at tomorrow. Already the control of the information we receive is in the hands of a few media giants, and we as Americans do not get a true picture of what is occurring in the world, or opposing political views, if these large media corporation do not want us too. We need more competition, and free access to opposing view points, and facts. Since AOL Time Warner, Viacom CBS, and Disney / ABC have grown into monster we are getting less and less of the truth, and more and more propaganda. Also they do not let people or groups which oppose their propaganda campaigns with opposing views, speak or advertise on their networks or in the printed media they own.

I strongly urge you as fellow Americans, to oppose these new rules, and to look for ways to make the media more diverse and competitive. If you do pass these new rules which would be a shame on you, at least add provisions for people or organizations which are censored and not allowed to speak to gain access, and share their views.

A good example of the censorship which occurs is the example of the NRA, which was not allowed by the networks to place an advertisement, after the Iraq, war congratulating, and honoring our troops. I assume the networks felt this ad was politically incorrect, so even though the NRA would pay for the ad and air time the networks would not run the ad. This is censorship, pure and simple, and why you need to vote against these new ownership rules, and in fact pass rules that insure the free flow of information, and views, under the 1 st Amendment.

Thank you &

Best Regards,

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From: Jan Morales
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:45 AM
Subject: What about the American people?

This entire drive to loosen media ownership rules is meant to benefit corporate interests alone. Chairman Powell is selling out the American people. He should be ashamed of himself. Only Commissioners Copps and Adelstein seem to care about us.

I am writing because I have to, not because I think Powell can be stopped. Powell knows exactly what he's doing any nothing short of his removal will stop him. You're a crook, Powell.

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From: LHollis668@aol.com
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Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 8:47 AM
Subject: Public hearing

I want a public hearing on this matter. Of course, one cooperation dominating TV stations will place a biased and controlled view on everything.

Today we have a local station that is an NBC affiliate owned by Clear. That station is WICS out of the Illinois capital of Springfield. Our station used to run local editorials that expressed our local views. Now they are running Fox editorials that do not express our views. Thank heavens we have other channels to choose from, but none locally. It was a real shock the first time these editorials started running. It is like we are being fed propaganda now on a daily basis. We cannot afford to have one company deciding what news we see and how our children are informed of what is going on in the world. Or what opinion is acceptable and what isn't.

A public hearing needs to be held before any action is taken. We are already seeing the results of such actions and can't afford to have one company, any company, dominating the air waves, either radio or TV or online or anything that will come in the future.

Thank you for giving this consideration, It really does concern all of America and we should have a voice in this decision.

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From: KUCHCOUCH@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:04 AM
Subject: Monday's vote

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

Please vote no on the queation of deregulation of the air waves should the Chairman, Mr . Powell brings it up.

Sincerely,
Lucy A Ufford
Angola, NY

From: lmathieu
To: Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:07 AM
Subject: FCC Ruling on Giving Mega-Corporations More Control of TV

Before you vote on June 2nd, please think that television profoundly influences lives of innocent young children. It affects their perceptions, their attitudes, beliefs, and behavior. Further deregulation will mean more control of the airwaves by the few, less accountability to the market than they demonstrate today. Locally based station owners know better than network executives in NY or Los Angeles what is best for their communities. These mega-corporations could care less who they offend, who they hurt by offensive programs.

I urge you to consider what is truly in the public's best interest as opposed to what is in the best interest of a hand-full of Major Conglomerates. PLEASE DO NOT RELAX THE MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES!. Thank you for protecting lives of our young as to what they watch on television or listen on the radio.

Sincerely, Lorraine Mathieu, 220 Eastview Cir, Williston, VT 05495

From: pl8nhed
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:12 AM
Subject: Please oppose ownership rules change

I sent this to my congressman - if you represent the American precept of the two party system, and not an industry and a single political party, you will heed as well:

Please actively oppose the proposed FCC media ownership rule changes. Please author legislation re-instating the former ban on ownership of more than one media property in a single market. The current events are proposed by powers that, effectively, seek to abolish the two-party system.

The arguments I've heard supporting the proposed rule change were created by think tanks, as is the damage intended by them. None of whom were elected, and whose agenda will become the basis of their news programming if these measures are allowed to go into effect.

With one media outlet, all views will be in deadly competition for it. With four, all factions within each view will be in no less deadly competition for it, no less deadly because the other outlets won't cover it, out of embarrassment and knowledge that tomorrow it's their turn - such news would encourage and inspire their internal factions to intifada. A media at war preceeds a general civil war by a very short period of time. Let minorities have their say - forget that flag-waving I've seen from you, unfettered civil discourse - THAT's American.

Lastly, if the proposed rule changes are enacted, there will eventually be only one company for media folk to work for, and they won't need as many as were required for the hundred stations they replace. That's anti-job, in addition to the anti-idea stance that is contained within the 'efficiency' argument for consolidation in the proposed rule change. We need more This administration has run over the will of the people at several points in his short time in office. You are my representative, and represent the Republicans, the president's party, as well. I feel comfortable holding you responsible for whatever happens with this issue.

Thank you
Winston Smith
Oklahoma

From: Olin Lundy
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, KM
KJMWEB
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:13 AM
Subject: Just say NO to Liberal Rule Changes!!!

Honorable Commissioners,

This rule change is a very BAD idea. The system we have in place seems to be working extremely well. The media is just getting to a point where they are not loathed by most of the American people and then comes this rule change which would let a few people control the subjects that the majority of the American people see. The real surprise is that the push behind this rule change is the republican board members. This sounds like a liberal agenda to me. I am a conservative republican voter and I do not like it. Everyone knows that the majority of the media outlets in this country put a liberal slant on every story they air. This change would continue what Bill Clinton started in 1994 and ultimately degrade the moral and ethical values in this country. This also could undo the trust that I have in the Republican Party.

Respectfully,

Olin Lundy

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From: chris christianson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:23 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership

Honorables:

I ask you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules.

My concern is that we will have media monopolies, who would propagate only their views and bias, and not allow independent voices to express opposing views.

This would allow far too much control by a few in such an important arena.

Thank you,

Chris Christianson
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From: Robinsonsileo@aol.com
To: Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:26 AM
Subject: FCC June 2 Review

Changing the rules to enable media ownership by fewer companies is not in the interest of the American People. Please understand that our democracy is founded on having the freedom to choose from different points of view and this change will limit the public flow of information.
You are public servants and should be protecting us not setting stage for us to be maneuvered.

From: Stacy Robinson
To: Kathleen Abernathy; kqa@fcc.gov; Matthew Brill; matthew.brill@verizon.net
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:27 AM
Subject: One page summary of testimony is attached.

Let me know what you think.

- Stacy

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CC: Jennifer Manner

From: J Roger Sturgeon
To: Undisclosed-Recipient::@fcc.gov
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:31 AM
Subject: Ownership Rules

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Our nation has thrived on the plurality of views expressed in the broadcast media, and any consolidation of ownership of this important outlet within a small group of large corporations threatens to keep alternate viewpoints off the air.

A free people thrive on a wide range of news and opinions; I am asking you to preserve our past freedoms by keeping the current broadcast ownership rules in tact.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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From: RClark5444@aol.com
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Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:35 AM
Subject: Regulatory Hearing

Ms. Abernathy,

I understand that tomorrow you are holding a regulatory review hearing on allowing the cross ownership of broadcast stations and newspapers.

Personally, I can't see anything positive coming out of a change to the current regulation that limits this ownership.

I am certainly not going to lecture you on the influence the media has on the individual, you are well aware of that. It is fairly obvious that newspapers owned by Murdoch, are fairly standard in their approach and tone. The same is true of networks owned by Turner. This carries over into radio as well.

I am not into conspiratorial theory. However, as the old adage says, power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Putting all media into a limited number of hands is opening a can of worms. History has proven that the best way to limit diversity and to take control over large groups of people, is to direct the media.

Personally, I believe too many men and women have died and put themselves in harms way, to allow this country to live with the freedoms that we have. I think it would be a slap in all of their faces to make regulations that would negate all they have done.

Respectfully,
Cathy Clark
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From: Sandy Steubing
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:38 AM
Subject: FCC deregulation vote

Please stop the vote on deregulation scheduled for tomorrow, June 2nd. The public needs more time to discuss and debate the wisdom of further deregulating this industry.

Thank you and regards,
Sandy Steubing

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From: /
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 9:55 AM
Subject: STOP CONGLOMERATE CONSOLIDATION - NOW !!

You Do Not Serve American citizens who pay your salary!
You Do Serve corporations who pay you under the table!

STOP THE CONGLOMERATE CONSOLIDATION NOW !!!

From: Mike Martin
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:01 AM
Subject: Monday's vote

Dear Commissioner:

As taxpayers, voters and American citizens who cherish First Amendment freedoms, we adamantly oppose the FCC's deregulation of the media. We fear for the future of a country whose people receive news and are influenced by media owned and controlled by a few mega-corporations with political ties. Please vote no on Monday to the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

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From: Huck Gutman
To: Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:19 AM
Subject: June 2 Hearing

Dear Commissioners,

It is unconscionable that you would take a major decision about how the public will be served by media companies without holding extensive public hearings.

Commissioner Powell erred greatly in meeting with media corporation executives and lobbyists -- extensively -- while refusing to hold public hearings. There is still time to remedy that situation. You can and MUST defer making a decision on whether to loosen cross-ownership rules and limitation on ownership rules, until you hold public hearings.

This was, when last heard of, a democracy. It should remain so. The people must be allowed to participate in decisions by giving testimony, and entering public sentiment into the public record.

Sincerely,
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From: Steven McBride
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Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:23 AM
Subject: Please DO NOT allow media-monopolies

FCC Commisioners,
Please do not vote for allowing media monopolies to control information.

Don't you get it? The reason the media has not made this a public issue is because they already dominate thought and have a VESTED interest in this move. And your lack of public hearing on this issue is pitiful and embarrassingly obvious.

I am a songwriter/musician. I have already seen the radio market for new talent shrinking because of multi-stations with one owner. Local and community news is disappearing as media is being swallowed up.

I fear the thought of FOX's Murdoch owning a satelite company. His ideologically-driven FOX "News" is a joke in the journalsitic world. FOX is certainly free to express their right-wing, Republican ideology, but I want diversity. The recent Iraq War was shoved down our throats by that lunatic News Channel.

Sure, there are more "megaphones" as many deregulators argue, BUT there's fewer, fewer, fewer voices.

Your job is to ENSURE an open field of ideas. Do not simply protect business at the public's expense.

Democracy is a stake.

Steven McBride/Tennessee

From: lwybaill
To: KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:26 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Ownership Rules

----- Original Message -----

From: <lwybaill@optonline.net>
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Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2003 7:46 AM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

> Before you vote on June 2nd to loosen media ownership rules, please take a moment to consider what effect such a move will have on program content.

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> We know that television can be profoundly influential in the lives of innocent young children. It affects their perceptions, their world-view, their attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. It is also a sad reality that children spend more time with the television than at any other activity except sleep. But huge mega-conglomerates aren't going to be concerned about how the programming they are putting on TV influences these impressionable youngsters. -They're only going to be looking at their profit margins.

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> Further deregulation will not mean greater opportunity for competition. Rather, it will mean the opposite: More control of the airwaves by the few, with even less accountability to the market than they demonstrate today.

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> The concept of community standards is alien to the suits in New York. Their bottom-line programming philosophy means bottom-of-the-barrel programming, and quality be hanged.

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> Locally-based station owners know better than network executives in New York and Los Angeles what is best for their communities.

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> I urge you to fully consider what is truly in the public's best interest, as opposed to what is in the best interest of a hand-full of major conglomerates. Please, please, please, do not relax the media ownership rules the public needs them.

> Sincerely,
> Louis Wybaillie

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From: Huck Gutman
To: Mike Powell, Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:27 AM
Subject: Defer the decision!

Dear FCC Commissioners,

It is unbelievable that you intend to decide how the public will be served by media companies without holding extensive public hearings.

Commissioner Powell made a huge mistake by meeting with media corporation executives and lobbyists -- extensively -- while refusing to hold public hearings. There is still time to remedy that situation. You can and MUST defer making a decision on whether to loosen cross-ownership rules and limitation on ownership rules, until you hold public hearings.

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Sincerely,
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